

Case Study

Providing Rescue Coverage for Darwin Construction

When Darwin Construction needed specialized help with tower crane rescue coverage, Peak Access delivered a responsive solution.



Summary

Peak Access provided tower crane rescue coverage for Darwin Construction at the Redbridge development site in Squamish, BC. The construction company was required by WorkSafeBC to carry independent rescue coverage for the operation of a tower crane on site.

Peak Access delivered a full-service and cost-effective solution that provided care and safety for workers as well as confidence and compliance for the construction company.

- IRATA Rope Access Technicians
- Responsive full-service solution for tower crane rescue
- Dedicated rescue equipment and supplies
- Minimized downtime for daily construction operations



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»» The Client: Darwin Construction at Redbridge

Darwin Construction is a leading construction and development company based in North Vancouver. A family company since 1987, Darwin is known across Western Canada and the United States for quality commercial and residential projects.

One of their latest projects is Redbridge Squamish, a 280,000 square-foot mixed-use development comprising four wood-frame buildings and twenty-four townhomes positioned over a two-storey concrete parkade. The development, which is situated under the stunning rock faces of the Stawamus Chief, will also include amenities and commercial retail units.

As with any of their projects, Darwin Construction was committed to the safety of workers on site at Redbridge. Therefore, when Darwin needed specialized help with tower crane rescue coverage, they called Peak Access.

»» The Problem: Needed Coverage for Tower Crane Rescue

Workplace safety is the concern of every construction company.

In order for a tower crane to operate on any site, the company must come under the compliance of WorkSafeBC by ensuring that proper rescue coverage is supplied.



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In many jurisdictions, local fire departments provide rescue coverage for such operations. But this was not the case in Squamish when the project began.

So Darwin was required by WorkSafeBC to carry independent rescue coverage. In addition, this coverage was to include daily inspections of the crane, which would require a local rescue team.

However, without the necessary coverage, the tower crane would not be able to operate and the site would experience work stoppage and significant downtime.



▶ The Solution: Prompt Service, Fully Compliant

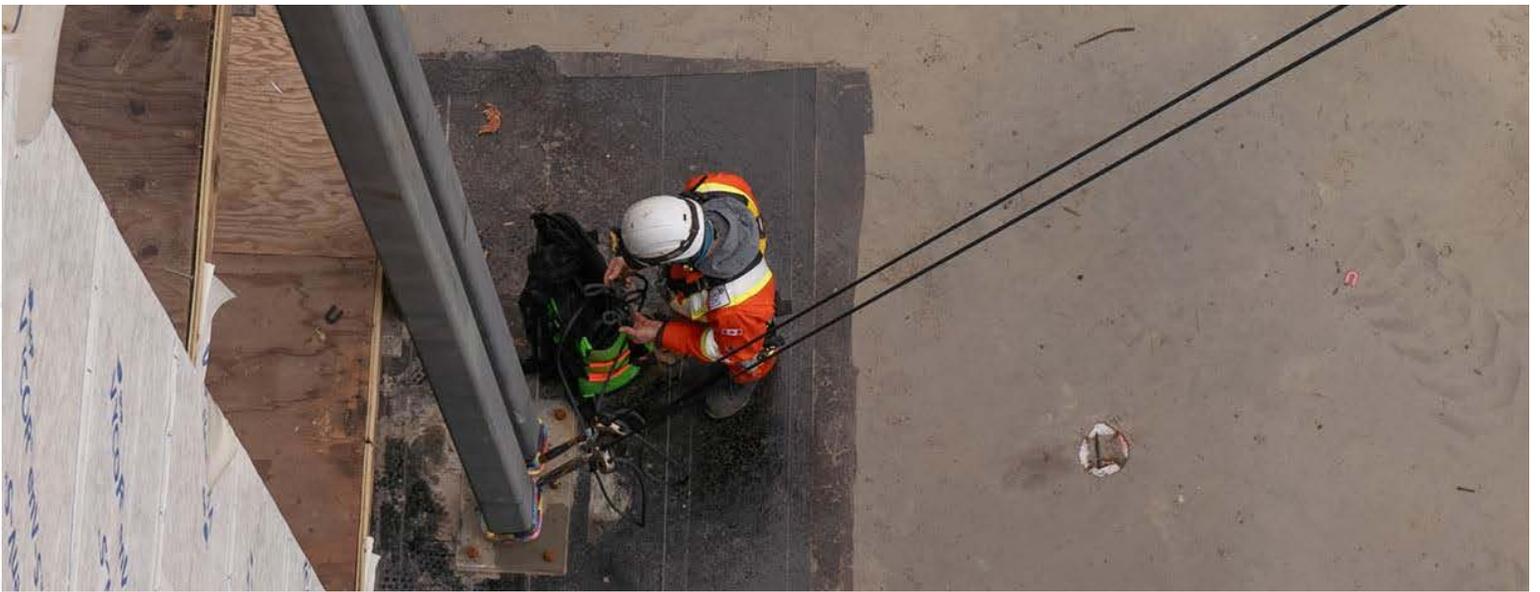
Darwin Construction entrusted the task to Peak Access. Shortly after being approached by the construction company, a prompt and nimble solution was proposed.

First, a thorough assessment of crane rescue requirements was conducted and the site was quickly brought under compliance so that the tower crane could be fully operational.



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The requirements included professionally prepared safe work plans and the daily scheduling of crane inspections. As well, Peak Access provided a daily standby rescue package at a reasonable cost and performed tower rescue demonstrations to show competency and to keep their team sharp in case of an emergency.

Members of the Peak Access team prepared and packed dedicated equipment for the Redbridge site and made themselves available on a daily basis to provide quick access and assistance.

▶▶ The Outcome: Peace of Mind on a Fully Operational Site

The full-service and cost-effective solution that Peak Access provided Darwin Construction at Redbridge gave the construction company the piece of mind to continue their operations for the entirety of the project without further concern for the care and safety of the crane operators.

According to Ian Watson, Peak Access Director, "This contract highlighted our ability to mobilize quickly, show compliance with our Worksafe approved plans and procedures, as well as be creative with scheduling and logistics to create a winning formula for all stakeholders."



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